

close and extended order drill was the daily routine with an occasional maneuver. The Company received seven additional men before leaving here.

TO ANOTHER FRONT

November 1, 1918, at 3:30 a. m., the Third Battalion left Ortoncourt for Charmes to entrain for a more active front. Arrived at 9 a. m. after a fifteen-kilometre hike. Entrained at 1:30 p. m. in the usual pullman coaches and traveled more than 100 kilometres by way of Nancy. Detrained at Lerouville at 8:30 p. m., hiked several kilometres and spent the night in French barracks, leaving next morning at 10:30 on another sixteen-kilometre hike in the direction of Verdun. On this trip the fields and woods on either side of the road seemed to be a continuous mass of trenches and barbed wire entanglements, shell holes and dugouts. About 3 p. m. the city, or the remains, of St. Mihiel was reached, which some few months before was in the possession of the Germans. Here was fought one of the first battles of the beginning of the Great Allied Offensive in which Americans took part. The horrors and devastations of war made a deeper impression, for the city had almost been wiped out. Not a single building was left untouched, even the fields 'round about were barren of vegetation, plowed with trenches and strewn with barbed wire.

Three or four kilometres beyond, although being soaked with the day's constant rain, orders were given to pitch tents for the night in the grassy field near a mountain side. "K" Company discovered that not a one had a shelter half, for the French trucks had not shown up with them. As the next resort orders were given to rustle for the old German dugouts on the

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